

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

1. (Currently Amended) A condom held and rolled on a ring ~~(3)~~ while ~~the an~~ opening in ~~the~~ a tubular region of the condom is expanded, the ring ~~(3)~~ comprising a rigid ring ~~(4)~~, a lubricant layer ~~(7)~~, and a rotor ~~(5)~~, wherein the rigid ring is sheathed via the lubricant layer with the rotor and the ring ~~(3)~~ is removable after placement of the condom.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~ring ~~(3)~~ condom~~ according to claim 1, ~~for use~~ wherein the ring is used in rolling the tubular region of an expandable and shrinkable article thereon.